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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (MS 15350 reviewed)

Title: Metabolic Syndrome and Colorectal Neoplasms: an ominous association

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

It was included a short running title, author contributions, ethics approval sentence, clinical trial registration sentence, informed consent sentence, conflict-of-interest sentence, Data sharing sentence. The Biostatistic sentence was not added because it was the main author who made the statistical analysis.

The abstract was updated according to your suggestions.

A core tip was included.

A comment section including background, research frontiers, innovations and breakthroughs and applications was included at the end of the article (we have considered that the item "terminology" is not applicable in our paper, because all the terms are familiar to majority of the readers.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Recent articles (2014) have been added according to the reviewer n° 00171764 - the new article sentences are at green colour.

In response to reviewer n° 02928870, we agree that the association between each risk factor and colorectal neoplasms is an interesting subject; however this was not possible due to the limited number of the population; this will be a matter of concern in a future study we are aiming to conduct.

3 References were updated according to the new recent articles (green colour). PMID and doi were introduced.

4. Images and tables are at the end of the article and were formatted as asked.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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